

Correcting the Story

Jack Anderson's column which appeared in your issue of March 29 contained misstatements and distortions of the facts concerning me and my record of Government service.

Neither the FBI, Justice Department nor Attorney General Katzenbach blackballed me with the Judiciary Committee of the House, as suggested by the article. Congressman Celler was the only one involved in this blackball operation.

I am not a "private investigator" nor have I ever been. I am paid monthly out of Government funds by U.S. Treasury check through the House Disbursing Office. I have never been on Congressman Feighan's private payroll, or paid out of his private funds.

I was not "the source of the vicious rumor that Oswald had been in the pay of the FBI" and the charge that I "blandly explained" that I picked the rumor up from CIA is equally false. I have never made either statement in public or otherwise. I did learn that a Communist in Texas was circulating such a rumor, and I reported this to the proper authorities. This hardly made me the "source" of the rumor.

The charge that "not a single Judiciary member supported Feighan's demand to put Corso on the public payroll" is false. The truth is that the only vote taken on the recommendation was in Subcommittee No. 1 of the Judiciary Committee and it was endorsed—without a dissenting vote — by the quorum then present.

The charge that I was recommended as chief counsel of the Immigration Subcommittee at \$20,000 a year is false. I was recommended for another position on the Subcommittee staff.

I am a lieutenant colonel of the U.S. Army, retired, and I retain that rank in the retired reserve. Over the course of 21 years of military service as troop commander and intelligence officer in two wars, I have received 17 decorations and over 50 written citations including four from Cabinet members during my tour of duty with the National Security Council. This undoubtedly is offensive to Anderson since he continuously attempts to discredit the military.

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